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APR 19 2007**REMARKS**

Applicants have received and reviewed an Office Action dated January 19, 2007. By way of response, Applicants have amended claims 3, 12 and 13. No new matter has been added. Claims 1-3 and 6-24 are pending. Applicants request consideration of the following remarks.

Rejection of Claims Under 35 § U.S.C. 112, Second Paragraph

The Examiner rejected claims 3, 12 and 13 under 35 § U.S.C. 112, second paragraph. The Office Action objected to certain terms employed in these claims. Applicants have altered the wording of claims 3, 12, 13 to obviate this rejection. The amendment does not narrow the claims.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that the amended claims fully comply with § 112, second paragraph, and withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

Nonstatutory Obviousness-type Double Patenting

Claims 1-14 are rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-16 of U.S. Patent No. 6,653,266. Claims 1-4, 7-14 are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 8-10 of U.S. Patent No. 6,150,324; claims 1, 6, 9-11 of U.S. Patent No. 6,156,715; claims 3-4 of U.S. Patent No. 6,410,495; claims 10-14 of U.S. Patent No. 6,436,893; claims 1, 10-13, 15-16, 18-21, 24, 26, 35, 40-43, 45-46, 48-51 and 54 of U.S. Patent No. 6,660,707; claims 15-18, 20-21, 24-26, 28-35 of U.S. Patent No. 6,177,392; claims 18-22, 24-26, 29-31, 33-40 of U.S. Patent No. 6,583,094 and claims 8-22, 24, 33 of U.S. Patent No. 6,831,054. Claims 1-15 are provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 26, 30-33, 35, 41, 43, 46 of co-pending Application No. 10/714,355 and claims 39-57 of co-pending Application No. 11/009,315 (now U.S. 7,094,746).

Applicants submit herewith a Terminal Disclaimer to overcome these rejections.

Conclusion

In summary, Applicant submits that each of claims 1-3 and 6-24 is in condition for allowance, and notification to that effect is earnestly solicited. The Examiner is invited to

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contact Applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number listed below, if the Examiner believes that doing so will expedite prosecution of this patent.

Respectfully submitted,

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